

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend original claims 1-4 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A water-in-oil emulsified composition comprising:

(a) 0.1-20 wt% organophilic clay mineral,

(b) 10-70 wt% oil component,

(c) 0.01-10 wt% emulsifier having an HLB value of not more than 7, and

(d) 0.1-90 wt% microgel having an average particle size of 0.1-1,000 micrometers

obtained by dissolving a hydrophilic compound having a gelation ability in water or an aqueous component, letting it cool down and solidify to form a gel, and pulverizing said gel.

2. (Currently Amended) The water-in-oil emulsified composition of claim 1, wherein the average particle size of the microgel of (d) ingredient is 1-300 micrometers.

3. (Currently Amended) The water-in-oil emulsified composition of claim 1 [[or 2]] wherein, in (d) ingredient, the hydrophilic compound having gelation ability is one[[, two,]] or more selected from [[a]] the group consisting of agar, carrageenan, curdlan, gelatin, gellan gum, and alginic acid.

4. (Currently Amended) An emulsified cosmetic comprising the water-in-oil emulsified composition of claim 1, ~~2, or 3~~.

Please add new claims 5-7 as follows:

5. (New) The water-in-oil emulsified composition of claim 2, wherein, in (d) ingredient, the hydrophilic compound having gelation ability is one or more selected from the group consisting of agar, carrageenan, curdlan, gelatin, gellan gum, and alginic acid.

6. (New) An emulsified cosmetic comprising the water-in-oil emulsified composition of claim 2.

7. (New) An emulsified cosmetic comprising the water-in-oil emulsified composition of claim 3.